

William Brown – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

This William Brown is not found in the Eastham birth, marriage or death records. However, he does have the earliest (1672) and the most Eastham land records of the seventeen Browns who appear in the Eastham land records. He was active in Town affairs serving as constable and grand jurymen and deciding boundaries for laying out land.

1672

William Brown of Sandwich purchased from Daniel Steward property in Eastham for forty-two pounds and ten shillings. The purchase included about eleven acres with a dwelling house and orchard at Little Billingsgate near Bass Pond and near a brook called Silver Springs. Also included in the purchase were about six acres at the head of Bass Pond. PDF A124, A125, M178, S37, S38.

1678

This record makes reference to William Brown's land at Billingsgate near the Indian Creek. PDF A186, M93, S42.

1696

The Town allowed land owners including William Brown near Bass Pond to have gates on their lanes as long as the gates could be opened for persons to pass through. PDF P75.

1699

Granted to William Brown four or five acres at Billingsgate on the north side of Indian Brook and near land of Isaac Doane. PDF P85.

1700

Granted to William Brown and his heirs about five acres on the north side of Indian Brook and between the two cartways. PDF A265, M135, M136, S92.

1711

Granted to William Brown, Daniel Cole, Timothy Cole, Samuel Harding and Richard Knowles the nineteenth lot laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The dimensions given in the record were not complete but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. PDF T89.

Granted to William Brown and his heirs three parcels of land. The first parcel was about one acre on the northerly side of Indian Brook and on the southwest side of his house. The second parcel was about one acre on the northwest side of his other land. The third parcel was about three acres on the northerly side of Indian Brook. PDF T127.

Granted to William Brown and his heirs about eight and one-half acres by his house on the northerly side of Indian Brook. PDF T127.

Granted to William Brown and his heirs a wood lot on the northerly side of Indian Brook at the easterly side of his other land. The dimensions indicate the wood lot was about nine acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T127.

1715

Granted to William Brown and his heirs three parcels of land. The first parcel was about five acres at Mulford's Point at Billingsgate between Brown's meadow and the meadow of Capt. Samuel Freeman. The second parcel grant was about seventeen acres near George Brown's land down to the River where the sloop was built and near Pound Point. The third parcel was about three acres near Pound Point. PDF T239.

Granted to William Brown and his heirs three parcels of land. The first parcel was a wood lot near Brown's other land. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about thirteen and one-half acres. The second parcel was near land laid out for the Indians and near Thomas Doane's land. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about six acres. The third parcel was on the southerly side of Indian Brook near Brown's house and next to land of Isaac Doane and Edward Knowles. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. PDF T285.

The Eastham land owned by William Brown or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about 100 acres. By 1745 sixteen more Browns received Eastham land grants.

